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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

MINUTES OF MEETING

10:00 - 12:30 Tuesday, 3 December 1968

PRESIDING

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

SUSPECT ADVANCED WEAPONS RELATED FACILITIES (SAWRF) BRIEFING

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1. [redacted] NPIC, presented a short briefing on the SAWRF's showing the location of the 11 facilities which have been detected to date and the KH-4 and [redacted] coverage of these facilities. He distributed a paper which provides NPIC suggested coverage and priority of coverage of the SAWRFs and related facilities (Attachment #1).

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8.

25X1A 9. [] informed the members that in the future all current priorities will be assigned during committee sessions at the table and that each current intelligence requirement must be fully justified.

INACTIVE CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION

25X1A 10. [] stated he had a problem in understanding the DIA objection to the use of the "inactive" category, based on reading the DIA memorandum of 18 November on this subject. [] said he was unable to address the subject in any greater detail than was contained in the DIA memorandum. The Chairman noted that the objective of the "inactive" category and the DIA recommended "X" designation appeared to be the same. He did strongly agree with the DIA recommendation that the present "inactive" list be reviewed and that the members indicate one of three actions which should be taken on each specific target.

1) Delete - Target has no intelligence interest.

2) Reactivate - Target has an intelligence interest and should be reactivated for collection.

3) Retain "inactive" status - Target does not currently have an intelligence interest but may have in the future.

25X1A 11. [] said a listing of the present "inactive" file will be distributed to the members this week. He requested the members to review the list and be prepared to make appropriate recommendations on/about 7 January 1969.

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12. The DIA memorandum will be discussed further at the next meeting.

TARGET FILE UPDATE

13. Target file updates consisting of:

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14. CHRISTMAS PARTY - [] reminded the members that the COMIREX Christmas party will be held at Ft. Myer Officer Club on Tuesday, 10 December, from 1700 to 1900 hours and that the subcommittee Chairmen had been asked to make any necessary arrangements for their respective committee. All members advised that they had made their reservations through their COMIREX principal and no further action was required.

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15. CCRP - [] advised the members that the ICRS Staff was in the process of reviewing the CCRP targets. One of the tasks being accomplished is a review of the readout of past coverage, both high and medium resolution. From the review, to date, it appears that certain targets could receive adequate surveillance by the KH-4 and therefore should not require periodic high resolution coverage. Lists of this type of target will be provided in the near future to the members for review. [] concurred in the Chairman's comments and said he had recently looked at some of the Arctic airfields which he felt could be adequately covered by KH-4 since there normally is no AOB.

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16. [] also concurred in [] comments that a thorough review is in order.

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25X1D 17. [] - The Chairman advised the committee that he had been given 7 spaces for the [] briefing which will be presented at the 5 December COMIREX meeting. This limitation is necessary because the COMIREX meeting is to be held in the Beige room instead of the auditorium.

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25X1A 20. [] advised the NRO would, within its capabilities, attempt to satisfy this request.

21. J MISSION PRIORITIES - The Chairman requested the members submit J mission priorities as COMIREX numbers instead of WAG areas if the target of interest has a COMIREX number. He noted that recent J mission priorities papers had numerous WAG areas listed and was somewhat confusing because the reason for the requirement was not readily apparent. In future J mission priorities papers the inclusion of WAG's like any COMIREX target should be fully justified and listed under the intelligence problem. The ICRS Staff can then put together a more meaningful priorities paper for COMIREX approval.

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23. CUBAN SEARCH SITES - The Chairman asked [redacted] if he could provide further insight into why DIA had requested the abandoned Cuban MRBM launch sites be nominated for COMIREX numbers. [redacted] replied he did not have all the facts but though it might be related to the suspicion in some quarters that Cubans are using concealment tactics during GLASS LAMP missions and that satellite coverage might provide some new intelligence. He asked that discussion of this item be postponed until the next ICRS meeting.

24. CUBAN COVERAGE - The Cuban area coverage map was displayed which showed an accumulated coverage of 91%. The Chairman noted that the 25 November mission was the first Delta III flight, but that no definitive analysis had been received.

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Subcommittee

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